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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Military and Veteran Affairs

Tuesday, September 26, 2017 12:00 Noon Room 327 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs was called to order by Representative Jason Wentworth, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Wentworth, Graves, Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Johnson, Sabo, Brinks, Byrd, Elder and Jones. (13/13)**
The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of September 19, 2017, as printed.

Representative Albert moved to adopt the minutes of September 19, 2017, as printed. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.

The Chair laid before the committee House Concurrent Resolution 14.

HCR 14 (Hernandez) A concurrent resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to award a posthumous Medal of Honor to Sergeant Thomas Henry Sheppard for his actions during the Civil War.

Representative Shane Hernandez, the concurrent resolution sponsor, explained the resolution, and introduced, Mr. David Good and Andrew K. Kercher, representing the Dearborn Historical Museum, and Lois Johnson, author of "He Kept The Colors: The True Story of The General, the Old Man and the Flag," who testified in support of the concurrent resolution. Question from a committee member followed.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of the concurrent resolution, but did not wish to speak:

Jack G. Devine, Legislative Director for the Vietnam Veterans of America Michigan State Council;

Mark A. Sutton, Public Relations Director for the American Legion Department of Michigan; and

Lino B. Pretto, Michigan Department Legislative Officer for the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Representative Barret moved to report House Concurrent Resolution 14 with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Wentworth, Graves, Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Johnson, Sabo, Brinks, Byrd, Elder, and Jones, (13/13)

Nays: None. (0/13)

The concurrent resolution was referred to the House floor.

The Chair laid before the committee House 4858.

HB 4858 (Albert) Labor; public service employment; military experience; allow state and political subdivisions to factor into starting salary.

Representative Albert, the bill sponsor, briefly spoke on the bill.

Representative Albert offered and explained the following amendment to House Bill 4858:

1. Amend page 1, following line 3, after “**RELEVANT**” by striking out “**WORK**” and inserting “**PROFESSIONAL**”.

Representative Barrett moved to adopt the amendment to House Bill 4858.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Wentworth, Graves, Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Johnson, Sabo, Brinks, Byrd, Elder, and Jones, (13/13)

Nays: None. (0/13)

The amendment was adopted.

Representative Wentworth offered and explained the following amendment to House Bill 4858:

1. Amend page 1, line 2, after “**SUBDIVISION**” by striking out “**MAY**” and inserting “**SHALL**”.

Representative Barrett moved to adopt the amendment to House Bill 4858.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Wentworth, Graves, Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Johnson, Sabo, Brinks, Byrd, Elder, and Jones, (13/13)

Nays: None. (0/13)

The amendment was adopted.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Steven A. Kozera, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs,

Phil Yeiter, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency;

Jack G. Devine, Legislative Director for the Vietnam Veterans of America Michigan State Council;

Mark A. Sutton, Public Relations Director for the American Legion Department of Michigan; and

Lino B. Pretto, Michigan Department Legislative Officer for the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

There being no other business before the committee; **Representative Glenn moved to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion prevailed, the time being 12:34 p.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

Jason Wentworth, Chair

House Standing Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs

Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee